



Erie County Board of Elections 2021 Election Day Instruction Manual

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Scan it.



Make your vote count.



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Dear Election Inspector:

Thank you for your interest in serving as a poll worker in Erie County. Election Inspectors play a vital role in the democratic process and are key to the success of any election.

The Erie County Board of Elections would like to thank you for your community service, your commitment to your neighbors as they exercise their freedom to vote, and your dedicated efforts to provide fair and accurate elections for all Erie County voters.

There have been many changes in the laws relating to elections and the machinery of democracy that will require your careful attention. We have discovered that our Election Inspectors are more than capable of learning new procedures, maintaining a helpful attitude and increasing the security and accuracy of an election.

This handbook, your training course, and other aids supplied to you will describe your responsibilities in detail.

Again, thank you for your efforts to give every registered Erie County voter the opportunity to cast a vote in confidence.

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Voting Hours

Erie County polls are open from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm.

All Election Inspectors are scheduled to begin work at 5:30 a.m. sharp on Primary and General Election days. **All polls in Erie County MUST be open and operational by 6:00 a.m.**

If your location is properly set up and ready before 6:00 am, you **MUST NOT ALLOW** any voting to take place prior to 6:00 am.

Election law mandates that voters who are in line at the close of polls (9:00 p.m.) shall be allowed to vote.

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ELECTION INSPECTOR INFORMATION

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Inspector Qualifications

There are several qualifications you must meet in order to become a certified Inspector.

You must be:

- A resident of Erie County;
- Registered to vote in Erie County;
- Able to speak, read and write the English language; and
- You must attend an annual training class, receive a passing grade on the evaluation test and have been administered the Oath for Appointive Election Officer.

You may not be:

- A publicly elected official or candidate in the district where you work; and/or
- The spouse, parent or child of a candidate who is running for office in the district

Chairperson Responsibilities

The Chairperson is the team leader who supervises all Election Day activities. Therefore, it is imperative that the **Chairperson be elected FIRST thing** in the morning. If chosen Chairperson, you will be paid an additional amount to reflect the additional duties required.

The Chairperson will have specific duties throughout the day to ensure everything runs smoothly and efficiently. These duties include, but are not limited to:

- Delegating Inspector assignments first thing in the morning such as:
- Opening the scanner and AutoMARK (2 Inspectors, **one from each political party**);
- Opening white supply box(es) and properly setting up sign-in table
- Display all appropriate posters and set up the 100 foot markers outside
- Making sure the room is set up properly with voter privacy the main objective.
- Accounting for and distributing all the day's election supplies.
- Ensuring that all required forms are filled out completely and accurately.
- Scheduling of Inspectors lunch and dinner breaks. Please make an effort to have all Inspectors back from their lunch by 12:00 pm and from their dinner break by 5:00 pm. This will ensure a full staff of Inspectors during peak voting times.
- Ensure there is a team of bipartisan Inspectors present at all times.
- Announcing voting results to poll watchers.
- Verifying that all Inspectors have clocked – in and out on the electronic poll book.

CITY OF BUFFALO – Return Brown Tabulation Folder directly to the Board of Elections after the close of polls.

ALL TOWNS, CITY OF LACKAWANNA AND CITY OF TONAWANDA – Return Brown Tabulation Folder to site designated by the Board of Elections.

Inspector Assignments

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The Chairperson is responsible for delegating the following responsibilities. These assignments should be rotated periodically during the day. Any time a voter needs assistance a bipartisan team is required.

Operating the Electronic Poll Book – This inspector locates voters in the electronic poll book and recording all pertinent information therein.

Issuing Ballots – This Inspector carefully removes ballots from the ballot booklet and issues all voters a privacy folder.

Supervision of Privacy Area – This Inspector must ensure the privacy area is secure, quiet and may assist voters, if asked.

Supervision of the Scanner – While maintaining a reasonable distance, this Inspector may assist voters, if necessary, and is responsible for collecting the privacy folders and returning them to the sign-in table.

Greeting the Voter – All polling locations with two or more Election Districts **MUST** have a greeter(s) with a Street Listing at the door. (See page 39 for instructions). The greeter's responsibility is to direct voters to their correct Election District within your location or direct them to their proper polling location.

Every vote counts, including your own!

As an Inspector, you are encouraged to vote in one of the following ways:

- Vote on your lunch or dinner break.
- Vote by special ballot prior to Election Day.
- Vote during Early Voting

If there is a chance you will be working a polling location other than your own, please contact the Board of Elections 858-7819 for a special ballot application and deadlines for submission.

Keeping the Polling Location Professional

Working as an Election Inspector makes you the "Face of Democracy." It is important to keep this in mind as you greet and assist voters. It is also critical that you treat your fellow Inspectors with respect at all times.

What you wear helps set the professional tone that should be present in your polling location at all times. Please keep this in mind when selecting clean, comfortable, yet appropriate attire.

Election Day is a long day and we understand that there may be times when no voters are in your location. **However, it is never permissible to consume food or drink while seated at the sign-in table.** Be sure to maintain a clean and professional workspace at all times throughout the day. The sign-in table should remain free of all food, drinks, and debris and personal belongings.

PRIVACY OF THE VOTER

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It is of the utmost importance to respect the privacy of the voter at all times. To ensure voters privacy, proper room set-up for your location is essential. Please refer to Pages 5 and 6 for examples.

In order to facilitate a secure voting area, please follow these regulations carefully.

YOU MUST:

- Set-up the voting area in a manner that best maintains voter privacy at all times.
- Position the AutoMARK with the screen facing a wall, yet still providing a 5 foot turning radius around the unit. The AutoMARK should never be positioned next to the scanner.
- Keep a reasonable distance (10 to 12 feet, space permitting) from the scanner, AutoMARK and the privacy area.
- Ensure pens are located in the privacy area and the area is kept clean at all times;
- Maintain a quiet and orderly polling location.

YOU MUST NEVER:

- Touch or view a voter's ballot without permission from the voter; or
- Approach the scanner or privacy area without permission from the voter.

If a voter asks for assistance you should not hesitate to help. However, prior to approaching a voter you must ask the voter to insert the ballot into a privacy folder. Furthermore, you must ask permission from the voter to view his/her ballot. When assisting a voter, there must be a two Inspectors present, one of each political party.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE:

NYS Election Law § 8-306 (3) A voter entitled to assistance in voting who does not select a particular person may be assisted by two election inspectors not of the same political faith.

When assisting a voter, it is MANDATORY that two poll workers; one from each political party, assist the voter in marking and casting a ballot.

Be sure to enter the voter's information in the Election Day Activity Forms found on the canvass sheet.

ROOM LAYOUT

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One of the most important aspects to ensuring a successful and smooth running Election Day is to have your polling location properly set up.

Room set-up is **YOUR** responsibility as Inspectors. You must ensure there is a clear path of travel for the voters throughout the entire voting process.

When determining room set-up, you **MUST** consider:

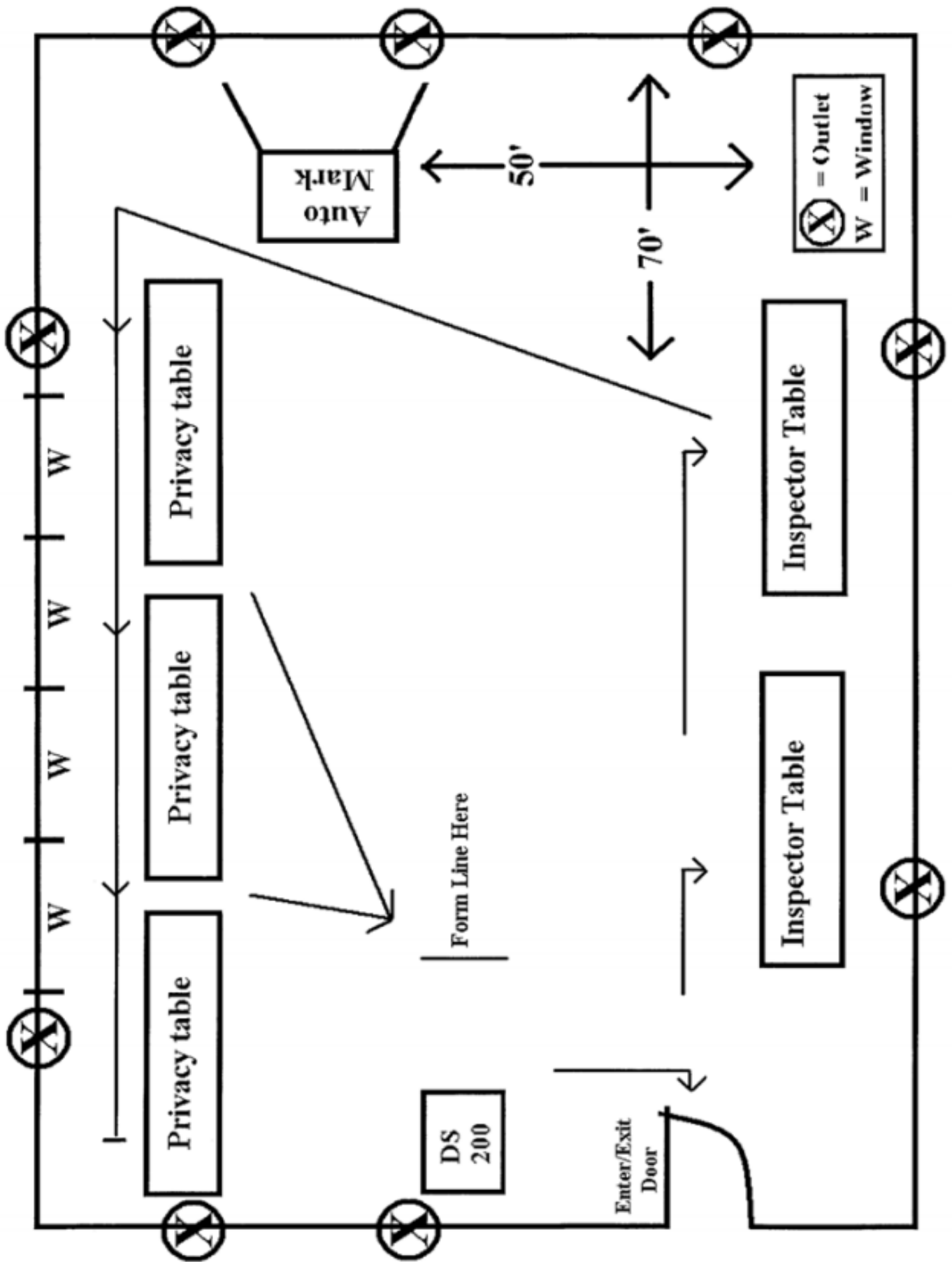
- Privacy of the voter at the privacy booths and while casting his/her ballot;
- Allowing enough room for lines to form during peak voting hours at both the sign-in table(s) and the scanner(s), and
- Establishing a clear path of travel to the proper scanner in locations with multiple scanners. Room set-up is essential to ensure voters are directed to the scanner for their district.

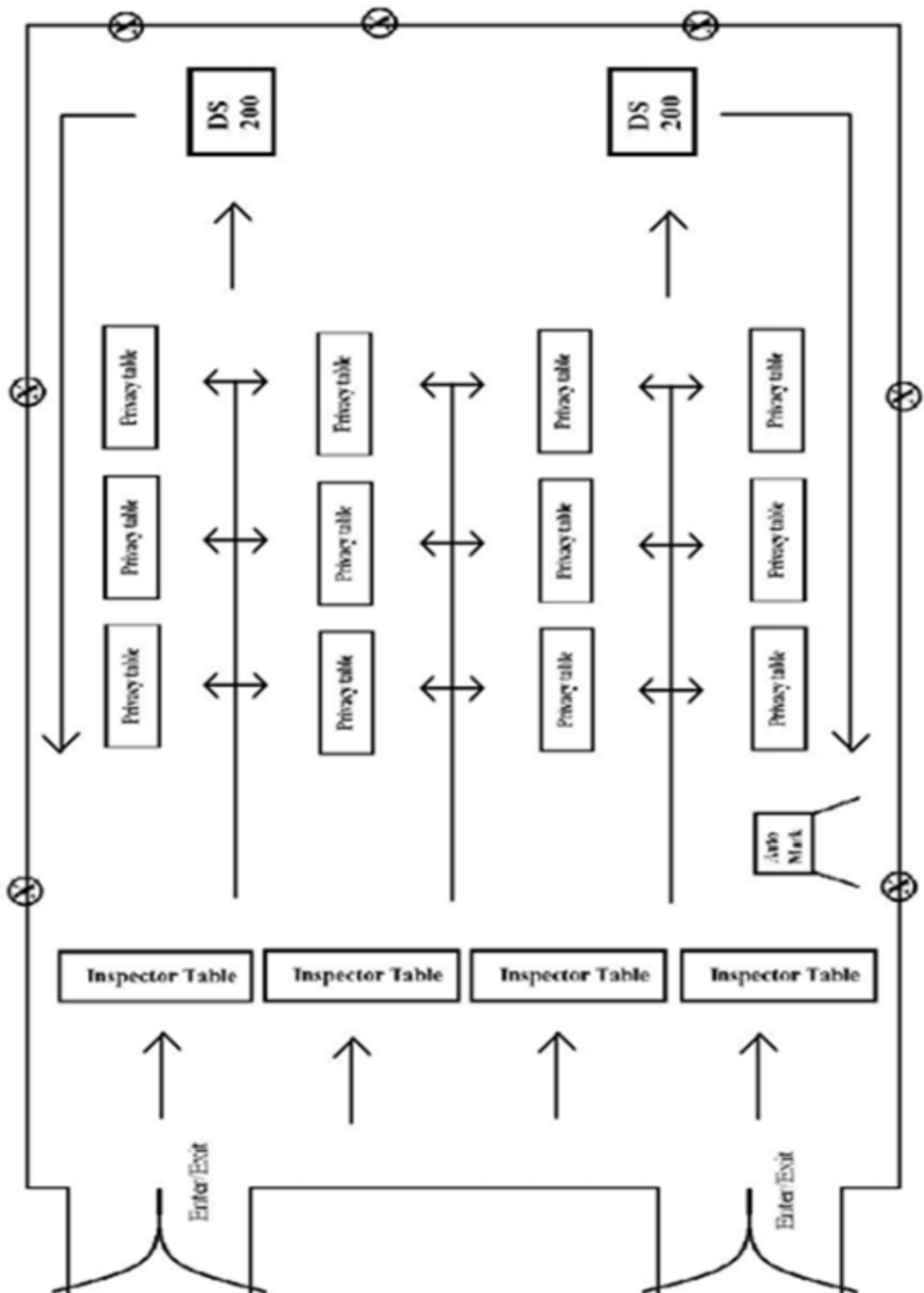
Please keep in mind that tables and chairs are set out for you by the facilities personnel. The Board of Elections informs each location how many tables and chairs are needed. Our office does not instruct them as to how to set up the room. Regardless of where the tables and chairs are found upon the opening of the location, you must ensure the room is set up properly.

NOTE: Some locations are set up by Board of Elections employees prior to Election Day. If your location has been set up by this office, there will be a note informing you as such. Please do not make any changes.

IMPORTANT NOTE: When a Board of Elections Site Coordinator visits your location and instructs you on how the room set-up should be changed, you **MUST** make those changes at the first possible opportunity.

See the following two pages for examples on how your location should be set up.





OPENING PROCEDURES CHECKLIST

Morning Supply Opening Procedures

The opening of supplies and machines may NOT commence until two Inspectors (**one from each political party**) are present. Call the Board of Elections if you do not have enough people to open by 5:40am. The Chairperson is to ensure that all necessary forms and all Inspectors are properly clocked—in.

Opening Procedures

1. Opening of Supplies
2. Open electronic poll book
3. Open the AutoMARK
4. Open the DS 200

1. Locate electronic poll books and the white supply box(es) on top of the gray AutoMARK cart. These boxes contain the ballot booklets and all other supplies for each election district. **All ballot booklets and electronic poll book(s) along with other supplies are election district specific.**



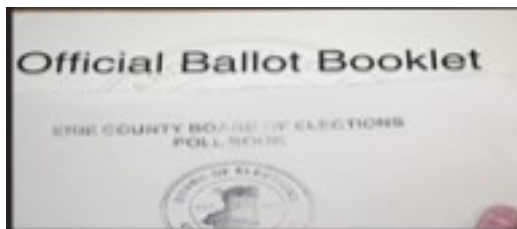
2. Cut the seal(s) from the white supply box(es). **You are responsible for bringing your own scissors.**



3. Remove electronic poll book(s), ballot booklets and all other supplies. Keep electronic poll book(s) on sign-in table. Make sure to start with the first ballot booklet and use in consecutive order.



4. Check the electronic poll book(s), ballot booklet(s) along with all other supplies to verify that you have the correct supplies for your district. Verify the ballots in your Official Ballot Booklet against the sample ballot.



5. Review the **“Instructions, Important Documents – Review Before Polls Open”** folder first. In this folder will be additional instructions specifically for that election. Review all other material. If you have any questions or concerns, call the Board of Elections.

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Morning Supply Opening Procedures

6. Post the Polling Place Entrance Sign on the exterior door .



7. Place the 100 Foot Marker signs, 100 feet from the **entrance** of the polling location.

8. Post the Sample Ballot and the Voter's Bill of Rights in a location for the voters to review prior to voting. These posters are found in the supply box.



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9. Remove privacy booths from the AutoMARK cart. Set up booths on table(s) and position free standing booth next to a table.

10. Distribute black pens to the privacy booth table(s). Be sure to check the privacy booth area periodically throughout the day to ensure pens are present and no debris has been left.



11. All Inspectors **MUST** wear an identification badge so voters can identify an Inspector if they need assistance.



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Electronic Poll Book Opening Procedures

- 1) Locate the carrying case for your electronic poll books.
- 2) Open the case by unlatching the two locks at the top of the case.
- 3) Remove the Touchpads from the case and set them on the table.
- 4) Remove additional items from the carrying case. These can include: cords, adapters and styli.

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Opening the Electronic Poll Book

- 1) Open your Touchpad by inserting your finger under the tab opposite the hinge. Open the case as if opening a book, flip open the binding and set the Touchpad on the table.
- 2) Locate your charging cable and extension cord. Plug extension cord into the wall outlet, then plug power cord into the extension.
- 3) Insert power cable into slot behind home button located on the right center of the screen (omnidirectional)
- 4) The Touchpad will now turn on automatically.

Inspector Clock In-Clock Out

You must clock-in and clock-out for your shift on the Electronic Poll Book. This process must be completed for ALL Inspectors. You do not need to be logged in to the device to clock in.

- 1) Tap the **INSPECTOR CLOCK IN-CLOCK OUT** button in the Drop-Down Menu.
- 2) Tap the blue **ADD WORKER** button.
- 3) Tap the red **"I AM NOT ON THE LIST"** button.
- 4) Select your assignment as either "Dem Inspector", "Rep Inspector", or "Chair".
- 5) Tap the green **CONTINUE** button.
- 6) Enter your First Name, Last Name, Phone Number, and MAILING ADDRESS.
- 7) Tap the green **CONTINUE** button.
- 8) Use the stylus to sign the Inspector Oath box.
- 9) Press the green **I ACCEPT** button.
- 10) Confirm that you are clocked in and see your name on the menu.

If you leave before the close of polls, you MUST clock-out when you leave.

- 1) Touch **INSPECTOR CLOCK IN-CLOCK OUT**.
- 2) Find your name on the list of inspectors and tap red **CLOCK-OUT** button.
- 3) Tap the green **YES**.
- 4) Press the blue **HOME** button location on the top left of the screen.

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Electronic Poll Book Opening Procedures

Logging in to the Electronic Poll Book

Only the inspector that is using the Electronic Poll Book will be logged in.

- 1) Touch the teal “check mark” icon at the bottom of the screen. This will launch the poll book application.
- 2) Press **START** to begin logging in.
- 3) Enter your full first name and your full last name using the on-screen keyboard.
- 4) Press **CONTINUE**.
- 5) Enter the Login password: boe123 (all lowercase)
- 6) Press green **UNLOCK DEVICE** button.

The Home Screen

- The Manual Voter Search/ Scan Voter ID/ Location Lookup screen in is your Home Screen. After every check-in you should arrive back at this screen.
- Confirm your voting location in the lower left corner of the Home Screen. If it does not match the location that you are working at, call the Board of Elections.
- Your Check-In tally can be found in the lower right corner of the screen. This is the number of voters checked in on that specific Electronic Poll Book during voting hours. When first opened, the amount of voters checked in should be zero.

The Drop—Down Menu

This menu is found in the top right corner of the screen (three dashes)



Inspector Clock In- Clock Out

Spoil Ballot

FAQ – 716-858-8891

Logout – You will use this function whenever you rotate job duties. During voting hours use the green LOGOUT TEMPORARILY button. At the close of polls, use the yellow CLOSE FOR THE DAY button.

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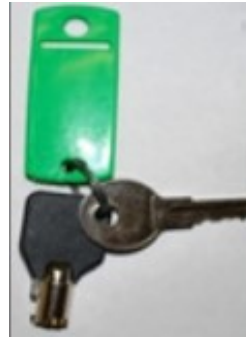
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AutoMARK Opening Procedures

NOTE: Depending on the size of the ballot, the AutoMARK may take up to 20 minutes to boot up.

1. Locate the black magnetic box located under the AutoMARK.
2. The AutoMARK keys are found on the yellow key ring.
3. Unlock the back of cart with the silver skate key.



4. Open the back door of the cart to remove the accessories bin and other supplies found in the cart. Place bin on top of the AutoMARK cart.



5. Make sure the ballot bin is secured.



6. Verify the power cord is plugged into the AutoMARK unit and fed through the hole on the side of the AutoMARK cart.



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- 3. Open the AutoMARK**
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AutoMARK Opening Procedures

7. Plug the AutoMARK unit into a wall outlet, using an extension cord, if necessary.

NOTE: Added to the power cord is a light indicator. This will enable you to know if the outlet is working.



8. Close and lock the rear doors of the AutoMARK.



9. Open the front of the cart with the silver key. Remove privacy booths and the Brown Tabulation Folder.



10. Secure Velcro straps to hold front doors open.



11. Lift and fold the top lid to rest on the cart.



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12. Open the AutoMARK unit:

- Slide plastic clips apart from each other to unlock lid.



- Lift lid and pull the screen out of machine.



- Lay lid down behind the screen and position the screen for the best visibility.



- Lift the ballot feed tray up and pull out for operation.



13. Turn ON the AutoMARK unit by turning the gold Key to the center ON position.



GREEN light: Receiving electrical power

AMBER light: Running on battery power

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AutoMARK Opening Procedures

AutoMARK Welcome Screen will read - "Please Insert your Ballot"



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14. Remove keys and return to the black magnetic key box. Store key box in the Brown Tabulation Folder. Keys **MUST** remain on premises at all times in case there are machine problems.



NOTE: The AutoMARK should never be positioned near a scanner. It should be positioned, when possible, near the privacy area. It should face a wall and have a 5 foot diameter around it for wheelchair accessibility.

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DS 200 Opening Procedures

All Inspectors present MUST complete Certificate No. 1 on the Canvass Sheet.

Primary Election Certificate No. 1 Example

CERTIFICATE No. 1 BEFORE POLL OPENS					
1. On this 10 th day of September, 2013, before the opening of the poll, we carefully compared the ballot sample with the ballot booklet(s) and found that they were identical.					
2. Prior to the opening of the poll, each side of the scanner device was secured with a blue seal. Contact the Board of Elections if seals are broken or missing.					
3. Prior to the opening of the poll, the black security tape over the scanner access door was secured with a security seal. Contact the Board of Elections if seal is broken or missing or states "VOID". The black security tape seal number is <u>007004</u> .					
4. The polling place displayed on the screen is correct. The Public Count displayed on the screen is 0. The Protected Count displayed on the screen is <u>495</u> .					
5. The Configuration/Zero Tape which has been signed by all inspectors present was locked in the ballot bin and secured with a red wire seal. The seal number of the red wire seal placed on the Ballot Bin is _____.					
6. The number of ballots, by party, found in the cardboard supply case are:					
	Democratic (green)	Republican (cherry)	Conservative (granite)	Working Families (tan)	Independence (canary)
Number of Booklets	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Number of Ballots	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>10</u>
(if applicable) Number of Spanish Booklets					
(if applicable) Total Number of Spanish Ballots					
We certify that the above statements are true and correct in every particular.					
x <u>Dale Smith</u> x <u>John E Jones</u> x _____					
x _____ x _____ x _____ Board of Inspectors					

Opening Procedures

1. Opening of Supplies
2. Open electronic poll book
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Certificate No. 1 – Before the polls open, Inspectors need to write in:

- The number on the black security tape seal;
- The Protected Count number;
- The number of the red security seal placed on the scanner ballot bin;
- The total number of ballot booklets and total number of ballots, by **PARTY** affiliation, received; and
- Sign the certificate to certify all the information is correct.

Store Canvass Sheet in Brown Tabulation Folder.

OPENING PROCEDURES CHECKLIST

DS 200 Opening Procedures

All Inspectors present MUST complete Certificate No. 1 on the Canvass Sheet.

General Election Certificate No. 1 Example

Certificate No. 1 Before Polls Open

1. On this 3rd day of November, 2020, before the opening of the poll, we carefully compared the ballot sample with the ballot booklet(s) and found that they were identical.
2. Prior to the opening of the poll, we inspected the scanner device(s) and each was secured with a blue wire seal. **Contact the Board of Elections if seals are broken or missing. Do not remove the blue wire seals.**
3. Prior to the opening of the poll, the black security tape over the access door was secured with a security seal. **Contact the Board of Elections if seal is broken or missing or states "void".**

Machine A: The black security tape seal number is _____
Machine B (if applicable): The black security tape seal number is _____
Machine C (if applicable): The black security tape seal number is _____
Machine D (if applicable): The black security tape seal number is _____

4. The polling place displayed on the screen of each DS-200 is correct. The **Public Count** displayed on each screen is **0**.

Machine A: The **Protected Count** on the screen is _____
Machine B (if applicable): The **Protected Count** on the screen is _____
Machine C (if applicable): The **Protected Count** on the screen is _____
Machine D (if applicable): The **Protected Count** on the screen is _____

5. The Configuration\Zero Tape which has been signed by all inspectors present was locked in the ballot bin and secured with a red wire seal.

6. The number on the red wire seal placed on the the door of the DS-200 ballot bin is:

Machine A: _____
Machine B (if applicable): _____
Machine C (if applicable): _____
Machine D (if applicable): _____

7. The number of ballots found in the cardboard supply case are:

Total Number of English Booklets		Total Number of English Ballots	
Total Number of Spanish Booklets		Total Number of Spanish Ballots	

We certify that the above statements are true and correct in every particular.

x_____ x_____ x_____

x_____ x_____ x_____

Board of Inspectors

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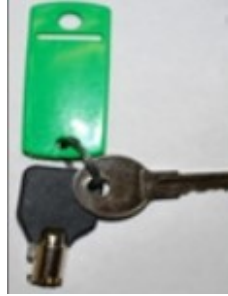
- The number on the black security tape seal;
- The Protected Count number;
- The number of the red security seal placed on the scanner ballot bin;
- The total number of ballot booklets and total number of ballots; and
- Sign the certificate to certify all the information is correct.

Store Canvass Sheet in Brown Tabulation Folder.

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DS 200 Opening Procedures

1. Verify the blue seals on the side of the scanner are properly fastened. **DO NOT REMOVE THE BLUE SEALS.**
2. The scanner keys are found on the green key ring.
3. With the silver key, unlock the back door of the scanner unit.



4. Unfold the power cord and plug into a standard wall outlet. A blinking amber light will be reflected in the plastic window located in the back of the scanner. If you do not see the blinking light, check the connection to the power supply and/or the outlet you are using.



5. Keep the back door of the scanner open.



IMPORTANT: THE SCANNER MUST BE PLUGGED IN BEFORE PROCEEDING.

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DS 200 Opening Procedures

- Using the silver key, unlock the top cover of the scanner. Release and unhook both latches. The top cover usually opens automatically. If not, lift cover to open position.



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- The scanner **MUST BE** plugged in and receiving power. **Once power has been verified then lift the Scanner screen.**

NOTE: If the touch screen has been lifted prior to verification of power, you must close the screen and plug in the scanner before proceeding to Step 8.

DO NOT CLOSE SCREEN UNTIL THE CLOSE OF POLLS.

NOTE: If the scanner does not boot up properly, call the Board of Elections immediately and go to Emergency mode. (See Page 41 for instructions.)

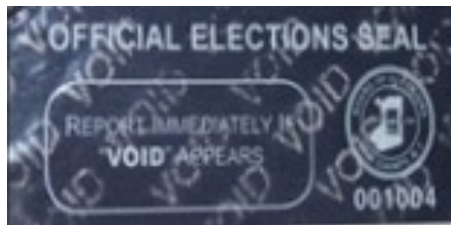
- Verify that the Black Security Tape is located over the scanner access door.

**DO NOT REMOVE THIS SEAL
UNTIL THE CLOSE OF POLLS
(9:00 PM.)**



Record the security tape number on Certificate No. 1 of the Canvass Sheet.

If the "VOID" watermark is visible on the Security tape, call the Board of Election before proceeding.



A series of screens will appear during the boot-up process. If, after approximately 60 seconds, you do not hear the beep or the screens do not appear, call the Board of Elections immediately at 858-8891.

The DS 200 will automatically print the Configuration tape upon opening. **DO NOT** remove this tape yet. We will remove this tape after the zero tape prints.

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DS 200 Opening Procedures

NOTE: If you see a message on the screen “Cannot Mount ESS Memory Device” call the Board of Elections immediately.

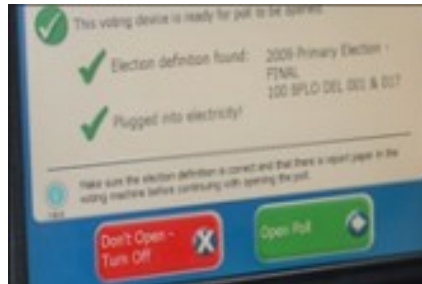
Verify that the screen reads

“Public Count: 0” If the Public Count is anything other than ‘0’, call the Board of Elections immediately.



9. Record the **“Protected Count”** on Certificate No. 1 on the Canvass Sheet .

Verify the information on the Election Definition screen is correct. If the screen says “Election Definition Not Found”, call the Board of Elections immediately.



10. Press the **OPEN POLL** button on the screen. The scanner will begin to print the Zero Tape. If the Zero Tape fails to print, call the Board of Elections immediately. Remove the Configuration/Zero Tape by tearing.

11. Verify on the tape that the count is zero ‘0’ for all contests.

NOTE: If there are two or more election districts voting on one scanner, multiple election districts zero reports will print on one continuous tape. You will see a line between each election district.

The Zero Tape will only print signature lines at the end of the tape. **Only those Inspectors who verified the Zero Tape need to sign the tape (using the back, if necessary).**

12. Unlock the upper Emergency Bin door with the silver key.



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13. Visually verify that the Emergency Bin is empty. Ensure the metal cover of the Emergency Bin is in the upright position to prevent ballots from being inserted.



14. Close and lock the upper Emergency Bin door.



15. Unlock the lower Ballot Bin door with the silver key.

16. Verify that the Blue Ballot Transfer box is empty.

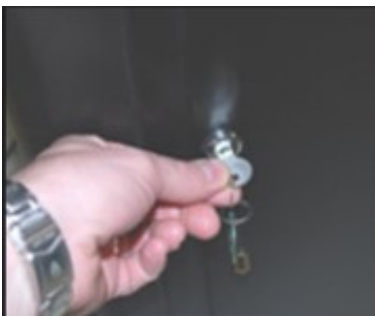
DO NOT REMOVE BLUE BIN FROM SCANNER.

17. Place the SIGNED ZERO TAPE(s) IN THE BLUE BALLOT TRANSFER BOX.



Ensure the doors of the Ballot Transfer Box are in the upright/open position. If both doors are not in the open position, the DS 200 will jam.

18. Lock the lower Ballot Bin with the silver key.



19. Locate a RED WIRE SEAL in the clear plastic box found your supplies.

Opening Procedures

1. Opening of Supplies
2. Open electronic poll book
3. Open the AutoMARK
4. **Open the DS 200**

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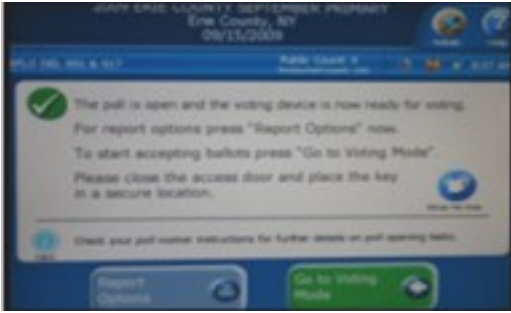
OPENING PROCEDURES CHECKLIST

DS 200 Opening Procedures

20. Seal the lower Ballot Bin with a Red Wire Seal. Record the seal number on Certificate No. 1 on the Canvass Sheet.



21. Press **GO TO VOTING MODE** on the screen.



22. The scanner is ready for voting.



NOTE: If during the opening of the scanner you encounter a problem go directly in to Emergency Mode (instructions on page 41), and call the Board of Elections immediately.

Opening Procedures

1. Opening of Supplies
2. Open electronic poll book
3. Open the AutoMARK
4. **Open the DS 200**

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SEARCHING FOR A VOTER

NOTES

Basic Voter Search

1. Tap the green **MANUAL VOTER SEARCH** icon on the right of your home screen.
2. Enter the voter's LAST NAME then FIRST NAME.
3. Tap the green **SEARCH** button;
4. If only one voter matches the search criteria, the Voter Eligibility screen will appear automatically
5. If more than one voter matches the search criteria, your screen may list multiple records of potential matches. (Example: There are 80 registered voters named James Smith in Erie County. You will need to hit **NEXT PAGE** until you find the correct voter - OR – tap BACK and change your search criteria (ex: Last Name and Birth Year, Address Search, County Voter ID).
6. Identify the voter on your Touchpad and tap on their record. This will highlight their record blue.
7. Tap the green **CONTINUE** button in the lower right corner of the screen

Checking-In a Voter

1. Once you have selected the proper voter, you will arrive at the Voter Eligibility Screen.
2. Confirm Date of Birth and Address with the Voter.
3. Tap the green **GET VOTER SIGNATURE** button in the lower right corner of the screen as long as there is no alert message (ex: ID Required, Absentee Voter, etc)
4. Flip touchpad to face the voter.
5. If the voter needs instructions in Spanish, have them select the **CHANGE LANGUAGE** button.
6. Have voter review and verify information.
7. Have voter sign the touchpad with the stylus.
8. Have the voter press green **DONE** button.
9. Flip the touchpad back towards you.
10. Verify signature.
11. Press the green **ISSUE BALLOT** button.
12. Initial (if two inspectors are at the table, each will initial – if you happen to be alone –place your initials in the box)
13. Press the green **DONE** button.
14. Confirm that you are issuing the correct ballot style. For Primary Elections, confirm the election district and the correct party ballot. The affiliation can be found on the Electronic Poll Book next to the voter's name.
15. Record the Ballot Stub Number.
16. Tap blue **PROCESS** button.
17. Place ballot in privacy folder and hand to voter.
18. Press green **PROCESS NEXT VOTER**.

SEARCHING FOR A VOTER

NOTES

Voter ID Search

If a voter presents you with a Voter Registration card, Fast Vote card or NYS Driver's License, you can scan the barcode found on any of these documents. Please be advised, it is not mandatory to have this card, nor should you require voters to present ID during early voting.

1. Tap the yellow **SCAN VOTER ID** icon in the center of your home screen.
2. The camera screen will appear.
3. If the voter presents a Driver's License, press the blue **SCAN DRIVER LICENSE** button in the bottom left corner of the screen.
4. Place the Registration card/Fast Vote card/Driver's License behind the touchpad until the barcode is clearly in view (don't obscure the lens!)
5. Once the barcode has been scanned, you will be directed to the Voter Eligibility screen and the voter's information will appear.
6. Confirm the Date of Birth and Address with the Voter.
7. Tap the green **GET VOTER SIGNATURE** button in the lower right corner of the screen as long as there is no alert message (ex: ID Required, Absentee Voter, etc)
8. Flip touchpad to face the voter.
9. If the voter needs instructions in Spanish, have them select the **CHANGE LANGUAGE** button.
10. Have voter review and verify information.
11. Have voter sign the touchpad with the stylus.
12. Have the voter press green **DONE** button.
13. Flip the touchpad back towards you.
14. Compare signatures.
15. Press the green **ISSUE BALLOT** button.
16. Initial (If two inspectors are at the table, each will initial – if you happen to be alone –place your initials in the box)
17. Press the green **DONE** button.
18. Confirm that you are issuing the correct ballot style. For Primary Elections, confirm the election district and the correct party ballot. The affiliation can be found on the Electronic Poll Book next to the voter's name.
19. Record the Ballot Stub Number.
20. Tap blue **PROCESS** button.
21. Place ballot in privacy folder and hand to voter.
22. Press green **PROCESS NEXT VOTER**.

SEARCHING FOR A VOTER

NOTES

Voter Not In This Location

When searching for a voter, use all search methods to find the correct voter. If your searches are not yielding any results, you may receive a “No voters were found for this location” message.

1. Locate the green “In this Location” and the red “Not in this Location” buttons at the top of the screen.
2. Tap the red “Not in this Location” button. Voters in this section are registered voters that are not eligible to vote at the district where you are working.
3. Identify the voter on your Touchpad and tap on their record. This will highlight their record blue.
4. Tap the green **CONTINUE** button in the lower right corner of the screen.
5. Tap the green **RE-DIRECT VOTER** button.
6. The screen will now display the name and address of the correct polling location. Inform the voter of the location that they are eligible to vote at.
7. Tap the green **CONTINUE** button to complete.
8. Tap the green **PROCESS NEXT VOTER** button.

If the voter insists on voting at the incorrect location, they are required to vote by Affidavit Oath Envelope. Follow the guidelines for “Issuing an Affidavit for a Voter at the Incorrect Location” on page 29.

If the voter indicates that they have moved, follow the guidelines for “Issuing an Affidavit for a Voter who had Moved” on page 28.

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BALLOT DISTRIBUTION

NOTES

Follow these procedures for proper ballot distribution.

1. Identify the voter's name and confirm his/her address (and party affiliation in a Primary Election ONLY) with the information in the electronic poll book. If voter is not found in the electronic poll book see Voting by Affidavit Oath Guidelines (See Page 31 for instruction.)

Party Affiliation Primary Colors

All supplies pertaining to the:

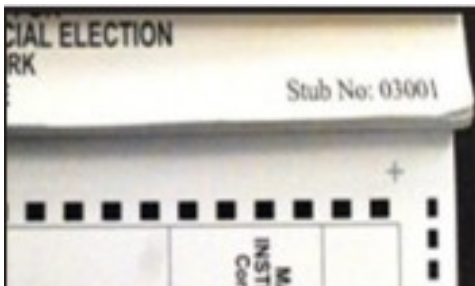
DEMOCRATIC Party are GREEN

REPUBLICAN Party are CHERRY

CONSERVATIVE Party are GRANITE

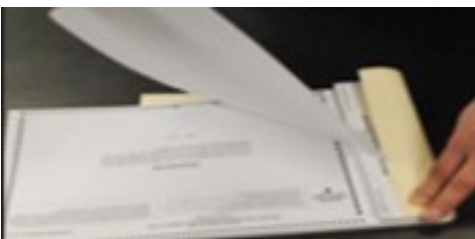
WORKING FAMILIES Party are TAN

2. Have voter sign the electronic poll book.
3. Locate proper ballot booklet
4. Record ballot stub number in the electronic poll book.



NOTE: This is the only place that the stub number should be documented. DO NOT PUT STUB NUMBERS ON AFFIDAVIT OATH ENVELOPES OR BALLOTS.

5. Carefully remove the ballot from booklet.



6. Give the ballot to voter in a privacy folder



7. Direct the voter to a privacy booth.
8. An Inspector should be available to assist voters, if necessary.

VOTING BY AFFIDAVIT OATH GUIDELINES



Affidavit Oath

A Please provide the following required information							
Your name	<table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Last name</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Suffix</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First name</td> <td>Middle Initial</td> </tr> </table>	Last name	Suffix	First name	Middle Initial		
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The address where you live	Address (not P.O. box) <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Apt. Number</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Zip code</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">City/Town/Village</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">New York State County</td> </tr> </table>	Apt. Number	Zip code	City/Town/Village		New York State County	
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B Please check each box that applies to you and fill in the appropriate blanks							
<input type="checkbox"/> I have been informed by the inspectors that my registration record is not available to them, however I have duly registered to vote in this election district from the address given above, and I remain a duly qualified voter in this district. <input type="checkbox"/> I have moved within New York State since my last registration and have lived at the address listed above for at least 30 days before the date of the election. My previous address was: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I was required to present identification when I voted today, but I did not do so. <input type="checkbox"/> I have not voted in this election, but the records of the Board indicate that I have already voted. <input type="checkbox"/> For Primary Elections Only: I am enrolled in the political party stated in the section above, but the poll book does not reflect my correct enrollment.							
C Additional information to register to vote in the event that you do not have a valid voter registration on file							
Are you a citizen of the U.S.? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you answer <i>No</i> , you cannot register to vote.							
! Qualifications							
A) Will you be 18 years of age or older on or before election day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No B) Are you at least 16 years of age and understand that you must be 18 years of age on or before election day to vote, and that until you will be eighteen years of age at the time of such election your registration will be marked "pending" and you will be unable to cast a ballot in any election? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you answer No to both of the prior questions, you cannot register to vote.							
More information	Telephone (optional) _____ Gender (optional) _____ Email (optional) _____						
The address where you receive mail <small>Skip if same as above</small>	Address or P.O. Box P.O. Box _____ Zip code _____ City/Town/Village _____						
Voting history	Have you voted before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What year? _____						
Voting information that has changed <small>Skip if this has not changed or you have not voted before</small>	Your name was _____ Your address was _____ Your previous state or New York State County was _____						
Identification <small>You must make 1 selection.</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> New York State DMV number _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Last four digits of your Social Security number X X X - X X - _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a New York State driver's license or a Social Security number.						
Political party <small>You must make 1 selection. <small>Political party enrollment is optional but that, in order to vote in a primary election of a political party, a voter must enroll in that political party, unless state party rules allow otherwise.</small></small>	<div style="background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid #000;"> I wish to enroll in a political party <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic party <input type="checkbox"/> Working Families party <input type="checkbox"/> Republican party <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Conservative party </div> <div style="background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid #000; margin-top: 5px;"> I do not want to enroll in any political party and wish to be an independent voter <input type="checkbox"/> No party </div>						
D All voters must date and sign the oath below							
! It is a crime to procure a false registration or to furnish false information to the Board of Elections							
Affidavit: I swear or affirm that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am a citizen of the United States. • I will have lived in the county, city or village for at least 30 days before the election. • I meet all requirements to register to vote in New York State. • This is my signature or mark in the box to the right. • The above information is true, I understand that if it is not true, I can be convicted and fined up to \$5,000 and/or jailed for up to four years. 							
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Date							
For Board Use Only - To be completed by an Election Inspector							
Town/City	AD/Ward	Election District					

VOTING BY AFFIDAVIT OATH GUIDELINES

NOTES

Issuing an Affidavit for a Voter who has Moved/Change of Address

Any person who is currently registered to vote in New York State and has moved to a different election district within Erie County is eligible to vote by completing an Affidavit Oath Envelope.

If a voter informs you that he/she has moved in to the district that you are working in, the voter is eligible for an Affidavit Ballot ONLY.

1. Enter the voter's name in the **MANUAL VOTER SEARCH** screen.
2. Locate the green "In this Location" and the red "Not in this Location" buttons at the top of the screen.
3. Tap the red "Not in this Location" button. Voters in this section are registered voters that are not eligible to vote at the district where you are working.
4. Identify the voter on your Touchpad and tap on their record. This will highlight their record blue.
5. Tap the green **CONTINUE** button in the lower right corner of the screen.
6. Confirm Date of Birth with the Voter.
7. From the Voter Eligibility Screen press the yellow **UPDATE VOTER INFO** button
 - a. Tap **EDIT** to change the voter's address
 - b. Enter new address (classroom example: 2290 Hall)
NOTE: Search street NAME only (do NOT include st, ave, dr, etc.)
If you do not see the street you are looking for on the first page, you may need to press **NEXT PAGE** to see more options.
 - c. Press **CONTINUE**.
 - d. Confirm apartment number.
8. Flip Touchpad towards voter
9. Have voter confirm the information is correct
10. Flip touchpad back towards you
11. Press **CONTINUE**
12. Press green **PROCESS AFFIDAVIT** button found in the lower right of the screen
13. Confirm that you are issuing the correct ballot style. For Primary Elections, confirm the election district and the correct party ballot. The affiliation can be found on the Electronic Poll Book next to the voter's name.
14. Press green **COMPLETE CHECK-IN**
15. Prior to handing the ballot to the voter **STAMP AFFIDAVIT ON THE BALLOT IN A NON-VOTING AREA** with the stamp provided in your supplies.
16. Instruct voter to complete the entire affidavit envelope and place marked ballot inside.
17. After the voter has sealed the envelope, an inspector must sign the envelope in the space provided and confirm that the voter has signed the envelope. **You must ensure the voter has signed the envelope or the ballot will not be counted.**
18. Place sealed affidavit envelope in brown tabulation folder.
19. Select **PROCESS NEXT VOTER**.

VOTING BY AFFIDAVIT OATH GUIDELINES

NOTES

Issuing an Affidavit for a Voter at the Incorrect Location

ONLY ISSUE AN AFFIDAVIT FOR A VOTER AT THE INCORRECT LOCATION IF THE VOTER REFUSES TO GO TO THE CORRECT LOCATION

When searching for a voter, use all search methods to find the correct voter. If your searches are not yielding any results, you may receive a “No voters were found for this location” message and you should direct them to the correct election district.

If the voter insists on voting at the incorrect district, they are required to vote by Affidavit Oath Envelope.

1. Locate the green “In this Location” and the red “Not in this Location” buttons at the top of the screen.
2. Tap the red “Not in this Location” button. Voters in this section are registered voters that are not eligible to vote at the district where you are working.
3. Identify the voter on your Touchpad and tap on their record. This will highlight their record blue.
4. Tap the green **CONTINUE** button in the lower right corner of the screen.
5. Tap the red **PROCESS AFFIDAVIT** in the bottom left corner of the screen.
6. Call the Board of Elections at 716-858-8891 for the correct ballot style.
7. Select the green **CONTINUE** button.
8. Press green **COMPLETE CHECK-IN**
9. Prior to handing the ballot to the voter **STAMP AFFIDAVIT ON THE BALLOT IN A NON-VOTING AREA** with the stamp provided in your supplies.
10. Instruct voter to complete the entire affidavit envelope and place marked ballot inside.
11. After the voter has sealed the envelope, an inspector must sign the envelope in the space provided and confirm that the voter has signed the envelope. **You must ensure the voter has signed the envelope or the ballot will not be counted.**
12. Place sealed affidavit envelope in brown tabulation folder.
13. Press green **PROCESS NEXT VOTER.**

VOTING BY AFFIDAVIT OATH GUIDELINES

NOTES

Issuing an Affidavit for a Voter who has Already Voted

1. If the electronic poll book indicates the voter has already voted, the screen will display a red "Voter is not eligible to vote a regular ballot" message. In this scenario, the voter will only be allowed to vote by Affidavit.
2. We must allow this as an error may have occurred (ex: John Smith Sr. signed John Smith Jr's record).
3. Confirm Date of Birth and Address with the Voter.
4. To process this voter, touch the green **PROCESS AFFIDAVIT** button.
5. Confirm that you are issuing the correct ballot style. For Primary Elections, confirm the election district and the correct party ballot. The affiliation can be found on the Electronic Poll Book next to the voter's name.
6. Press the green **COMPLETE CHECK-IN** button.
7. Prior to handing the ballot to the voter **STAMP AFFIDAVIT ON THE BALLOT IN A NON-VOTING AREA** with the stamp provided in your supplies.
8. Instruct voter to complete the entire affidavit envelope and place marked ballot inside.
9. After the voter has sealed the envelope, an inspector must sign the envelope in the space provided and verify that the voter has signed the envelope. **You must ensure the voter has signed the envelope or the ballot will not be counted.**
10. Place sealed affidavit envelope in brown tabulation folder.
11. Select **PROCESS NEXT VOTER**.

VOTING BY AFFIDAVIT OATH GUIDELINES

NOTES

Issuing an Affidavit for an Unregistered Voter

1. A voter's record may be missing from the electronic poll book for various reasons (examples: not registered, not registered in Erie County yet registered elsewhere in New York State).
2. If, after using all other voter search methods you cannot locate the voter's record, tap the red **NO VOTER FOUND** button. (classroom example: Joe Voter)
3. On the Voter Update screen, type in the date of birth of the voter. Use the drop-down menu under PARTY to select the party affiliation for the voter and select green **CONTINUE** button.
4. On the next Voter Update screen, type in the voter's house number and street name (NAME ONLY, do NOT include st, ave, dr, etc.);

You may need to hit the blue **NEXT PAGE** screen to locate the proper listing

5. Verify apartment number
6. Flip the Touchpad towards the voter.
7. Have the voter confirm the information is correct by tapping the green **CORRECT** button.
8. Flip the touchpad back towards you.
9. Press the green **CONTINUE** button.
10. Press the green **PROCESS AFFIDAVIT** button.
11. Confirm that you are issuing the correct ballot style. For Primary Elections, confirm the election district and the correct party ballot. The affiliation can be found on the Electronic Poll Book next to the voter's name.
12. Tap green **COMPLETE CHECK-IN** button.
13. Prior to handing the ballot to the voter **STAMP AFFIDAVIT ON THE BALLOT IN A NON-VOTING AREA** with the stamp provided in your supplies.
14. Instruct voter to complete the entire affidavit envelope and place marked ballot inside.
15. After the voter has sealed the envelope, an inspector must sign the envelope in the space provided and verify that the voter has signed the envelope. **You must ensure the voter has signed the envelope or the ballot will not be counted.**
16. Place sealed affidavit envelope in brown tabulation folder.
17. Select **PROCESS NEXT VOTER**.

VOTING BY AFFIDAVIT OATH GUIDELINES

NOTES

Issuing an Affidavit for an Inactive Voter

1. If the electronic poll book indicates that the voter is inactive, the screen will display a red “Voter is not eligible to vote a regular ballot” message. In this scenario, the voter will only be allowed to vote by affidavit.
2. Confirm with the voter that they still live at the address provided on the voter eligibility screen.
3. If the voter has not moved, press the green **PROCESS AFFIDAVIT** button found in the lower right of the screen and continue to step 10.
4. If the voter has moved, tap the yellow “**MORE OPTIONS**” button in the bottom center of the screen.
 - a) Select “**Update Voter Info**”
 - b) Tap **EDIT** to change the voter’s address
 - c) Enter new address (classroom example: 2290 Hall)

NOTE: Search street NAME only (do NOT include st, ave, dr, etc.)

If you do not see the street you are looking for on the first page, you may need to press **NEXT PAGE** to see more options.
 - e) Press **CONTINUE**.
 - f) Confirm apartment number.
5. Flip Touchpad towards voter
6. Have voter confirm the information is correct by tapping the green **CORRECT** button.
7. Flip touchpad back towards you
8. Press **CONTINUE**
9. Press green **PROCESS AFFIDAVIT** button found in the lower right of the screen
10. Confirm that you are issuing the correct ballot style. For Primary Elections, confirm the election district and the correct party ballot. The affiliation can be found on the Electronic Poll Book next to the voter’s name.
11. Press green **COMPLETE CHECK-IN**
12. Prior to handing the ballot to the voter **STAMP AFFIDAVIT ON THE BALLOT IN A NON-VOTING AREA** with the stamp provided in your supplies.
13. Instruct voter to complete the entire affidavit envelope and place marked ballot inside.
14. After the voter has sealed the envelope, an inspector must sign the envelope in the space provided. **You must ensure the voter has signed the envelope or the ballot will not be counted.**
15. Place sealed affidavit envelope in brown tabulation folder.
16. Select **PROCESS NEXT VOTER**.

SPECIAL SITUATIONS

NOTES

Early Voted

All voters who voted early will have a prompt on their Voter Eligibility screen. If the Board of Elections indicates that a voter cast a ballot during the Early Voting period yet appears before you on Election Day, this voter is eligible for an Affidavit ballot **only**. See page 30, “Issuing an Affidavit Ballot for a Voter that has Already Voted”

Name Change

A voter who has had a change of name since the last election may still vote without having to reregister. Provide the voter with a voter registration form. You can update the voter’s information by following these steps:

1. Pull up the voter using Manual Voter Search or Scan Voter ID functions
2. If the information from the voter DOES NOT match the information on touchpad
 - a) Tap the yellow **MORE OPTIONS** button in the lower middle of the screen.
 - b) Tap **UPDATE VOTER INFO**
 - c) Tap the **EDIT** button next to the voter’s name
 - d) Type in the updated info
 - e) Tap **CONTINUE**
 - f) Tap **CONTINUE** (again)
 - g) Flip touchpad towards voter to confirm information
 - h) Have voter tap **CORRECT** to verify
 - i) Flip touchpad back toward you
 - j) Tap **CONTINUE**

Not In Pollbook

After all search methods have been used, if a voter is not found in the electronic poll book follow the Guidelines for “Issuing an Affidavit Ballot for an Unregistered Voter” on page 31.

Inactive Voters

If the electronic poll book indicates that the voter is inactive, the screen will display a red “Voter is not eligible to vote a regular ballot” message. In this scenario, the voter will only be allowed to vote by affidavit. Follow the Guidelines for “Issuing an Affidavit Ballot for an Inactive Voter” on page 32.

Spanish Ballots

A limited number of districts receive Spanish ballots in addition to English ballots only if the number of Spanish-speaking residents is above five percent of the total district. Spanish ballots and instructions will be in a folder marked “Spanish Materials”.

SPECIAL SITUATIONS

NOTES

Change of Address/ Moved Voters

Any person who is currently registered to vote in New York State and has moved to a different election district within New York State without re-registering from that new address should be directed to go to their new polling place and vote by completing an Affidavit Oath Envelope. Follow the Guidelines for "Issuing an Affidavit for a Voter who has Moved/ Change of Address" on page 28.

Fled Voters

Casting a Ballot for a Voter who Fails to Deposit the Ballot in the Scanner.

If a voter leaves a ballot (marked or unmarked) in a privacy booth without casting the ballot in the scanner, the ballot is deemed **VOID** and is to be deposited into the SPOILED/VOIDED ballot envelope.

However, if a voter leaves the ballot at the scanner, with an Election Inspector or in a privacy folder, a bipartisan team of Inspectors shall, without examining the ballot, deposit the ballot into the Emergency Bin.

Poll Watchers

In order to be permitted to remain within a polling location a Poll Watcher must be a registered voter in Erie County and present a Certificate of Appointment signed by the Chairman or Secretary of a political party, independent body, or any of the candidates.

A Poll Watcher may be present at the polling site at least fifteen minutes before the unlocking and examination of the scanner and remain until after the votes are counted. Every political party, independent body and candidate may have Poll Watchers present during these times.

A Poll Watcher shall not in any way interfere with the voting process or handle any ballots or supplies. If the person causes a disturbance, the Inspectors should ask the person to leave the premises. If they refuse, call the Board of Elections to report the disturbance. If the situation requires immediate attention call the local police department.

Electioneering

While the polls are open no person shall do any electioneering within the polling location or within a 100 foot radius of the building. Electioneering also pertains to conversations within the polling location, campaign buttons, and campaign ads that may be broadcast on the radio or television.

SPECIAL SITUATIONS

Identification Requirements

NOTES

Voters, who registered by mail after January 1, 2003 and have not previously voted in a Federal election in Erie County or provided the Board of Elections with ID, must present identification before signing the electronic poll book and voting in accordance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002.

If the Electronic poll book indicates “ID Required” in the signature line, the voter must produce a physical form of ID before they can vote on the scanner, or else the voter can vote by affidavit ballot.

A voter whose name is denoted in the electronic poll book must present one of the following forms of identification:

- Current/Valid Photo ID
 - Examples include but are not limited to:
 - Passport
 - Driver’s license
 - Non-driver’s ID
 - Student ID card
 - Firearms permit
 - Pilot license
 - Military ID
 - Government ID
 - Discount cards issued to senior citizens or persons with disabilities by a public authority
 - Employee ID card
- Utility Bill
- Bank Statement
- Government check/Paycheck
- Other Government Document – see form in supplies for complete list

Once the voter presents a form of identification, and it has been noted in the electronic poll book, you must allow the voter to sign the electronic poll book and vote in the normal manner. If a voter does not have an acceptable form of identification he/she is NOT permitted to vote in the normal manner unless they return with proper identification. If the voter refuses to return with proper identification he/she must be permitted to vote using an Affidavit Oath Envelope.

NOTE: If you do not see “ID required” on Voter Eligibility screen you DO NOT ask for identification from the voter. This is in accordance with New York State Election Law.

OATHS AND FORMS

NOTES

An important aspect of working as an Election Inspector is administering various oaths and providing voters with a variety of forms. This section will illustrate the different oaths and forms you may need on Election Day.

Registration Form

New York State Voter Registration Forms can be found in your supplies. This form can be used to:

- Register to vote in New York State;
- Change your name and/or address; and/or
- Change your party enrollment (see below).

In order to register to vote in New York State you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen;
- Be 18 years old by the end of the year;
- Not be in jail or on parole for a felony conviction; and
- And not claim the right to vote elsewhere

In order to pre register to vote, a person must be 16 years of age.

In order to be eligible to vote in a Primary or General Election, Voter Registration forms must be received by the county Board of Elections no later than 25 days prior to the election in which you wish to vote.

Change of Enrollment (Affiliation)

The term “change of enrollment” refers to a registered voter:

- Already enrolled in one party wishes to enroll in a different party; or
- To delete his/her enrollment in any party; or
- If not enrolled in a party to enroll in a particular party.

A voter registration form must be used to change a party enrollment from one party to another or to enroll for the first time in a party. A change of enrollment received up until February 14th each year will be **effective immediately**. Enrollment changes received on or after February 14th will be processed after the June Primary election.

All voters changing their party enrollment status will be sent a new voter registration card indicating their new party preference once the change becomes effective after the June Primary election.

NOTE: Voters who are not enrolled with any party are considered unaffiliated (Blank) voters and are not generally eligible to vote in any Primary Elections unless state party rules otherwise permit.

OATHS AND FORMS

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Assistance Oaths §8-306

A voter may be assisted after informing the Inspector that they:

- Cannot read or write;
- Do not speak or read English and need assistance or an interpreter (in some districts, Spanish supplies are assigned as needed);
- Cannot see, even with eyeglasses, the names on the ballot;
- Are physically disabled such that he/she cannot operate the voting system, or complete a paper ballot; and/or
- Cannot enter the voting system without assistance from another person

The Inspector will ask the voter: “Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the statements you just made are true?”

If the voter answers “yes”, assistance may be provided by two Election Inspectors of different political affiliations.

Be sure to enter the voter’s name and address in Election Day Activity Forms found on the canvass sheet.

A person, other than an Inspector, who assists an individual in voting, must affirm the following oath before being issued a ballot.

NOTE: The Inspector must ask if the person offering assistance is his/her union representative or employer. If the answer is yes, the union official or employer attempting to offer assistance must not be permitted to do so.

The Inspector will ask that person to swear or affirm the following:

“Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will not in any manner request, or seek to persuade or induce the voter to vote any particular ticket or for any particular candidate, and that you will not make or keep any memorandum or entry of anything occurring in the voting booth, and that you will not, directly or indirectly, reveal to any person the name of any candidate or proposal voted for by the voter, or which ticket he or she had voted, or anything occurring within the voting booth, except when required pursuant to law to give testimony as to such a matter in a judicial proceeding?”

If the person answers yes, then he/she can assist the voter (Election Law §8-306.5). Be sure to enter the voter’s name and address and the name and address of the person providing assistance of the Election Day Activity Forms found on the canvass sheet.

Voters Bill of Rights

This form is included in your supplies and must be posted within the polling location.

OATHS AND FORMS

Challenge Oath and Report

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Any voter whom you know or suspect is not entitled to vote in the district may be challenged by an Inspector, a duly appointed Poll Watcher or by any other registered voter properly in the polling place.

To administer a Challenge Oath you should:

1. Locate the Challenge Oath and Report found in your supplies;
2. Administer the PRELIMINARY OATH contained on the Challenge Oath;
3. If the voter refuses to take this oath he/she is not permitted to vote in the normal manner and may be so permitted to vote by Affidavit Oath;
4. Ask the challenged voter the questions listed on the Challenge Oath ; and
5. If the voter answers all questions satisfactorily, permit him/her to vote in the normal manner.

If the voter refuses to answer any questions listed he/she shall not be permitted to vote in the normal manner and may be permitted to vote an affidavit ballot.

If the voter answered all questions, but a majority of the Inspectors still feel the voter is ineligible, the QUALIFICATION OATH must be administered. If the voter refuses to take this oath he/she is not permitted to vote in the normal manner and may be permitted to vote by affidavit ballot. If the voter is issued an affidavit ballot be sure to mark "CHALLENGED" across the top of the affidavit envelope and record the information on the Election Day Activity form located on the canvass sheet.

Appointed Officials Oath

If, at any time during an election, a vacancy in the Board of Inspectors needs to be filled, the appointed person must be administered The Oath for Appointive Election Officers (found in your supplies). This only applies to new Inspectors that have not been administered the oath previously.

Absentee Ballot Application

Absentee Ballot applications can be found in your supplies. Any qualified voter may apply for an Absentee Ballot if he/she will be unavoidably absent from Erie County on Election Day or has a disability or illness that prevents them from voting in person. Any completed Absentee Ballot applications are to be returned in the Brown Tabulation Folder .

Court Orders

If a voter refuses to fill out an Affidavit Oath Envelope he/she may obtain a court order requiring that he/she be permitted to vote in the normal manner. Present the voter with the Notice to Voters (located in your supplies) and instruct the voter to contact the Board of Elections. Any person voting by court order must be recorded on the Election Day Activity Form on the canvass sheet.

OATHS AND FORMS

Absentee Ballot Mailed Issued/ Returned Voted

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All voters who were issued an absentee ballot, regardless if it was voted and submitted or not, will have a notation on their Voter Eligibility screen. The voter, however, is still allowed to vote in person as long as they are at the correct polling location on Election Day. Have the voter sign on the signature line on the Electronic Poll Book and proceed to vote in the usual manner.

The Board of Elections will know this has occurred via data transmission from your electronic poll book device and the voter's absentee ballot will be pulled and voided.

Inspectors must accept absentee ballots directly from a voter. These ballots remain sealed and are returned to the Board of Elections in the Brown Tabulation Folder. Absentee Ballots are not counted at the polling site.

NOTE: You must accept any Absentee Ballot turned in at your polling location. Absentee Ballots turned in at polling locations **NEED NOT BE ELECTION DISTRICT SPECIFIC**.

Paper Street Listing

This is an important tool for all Inspectors to ensure that we direct the voter to their proper polling location.

Included in your supplies are two (2) street listings. One list is an alphabetical listing of the streets within your election district. The other is a listing of all the streets within your municipality and includes correlating election districts and polling location information.

NOTE: Always refer to the Street Listing BEFORE issuing an Affidavit Oath Envelope to ensure the voter is in the correct election district and polling location. You may tell the voter that if they do not vote in the district where they live, their vote may not count.

Location Look Up (Street Listing on Electronic Poll Book)

A voter can also be directed to their correct polling location using the Location Lookup function on the Electronic Poll Book. If a voter does not know if they are in the right polling location, or what location they need to vote:

1. Tap the orange **LOCATION LOOKUP** icon on left of your screen.
2. Enter the HOUSE NUMBER and STREET NAME.
NOTE: Search street NAME only (do NOT include st, ave, dr, etc.)
If you do not see the street you are looking for on the first page, you may need to press **NEXT PAGE** to see more options.
3. Press **SEARCH**
4. Identify the address on your electronic poll book and tap on the address. This will highlight the address blue.
5. Tap the green **CONTINUE** button.
6. The Precinct Lookup screen will give the address of the polling location and a map of where the location is located. Instruct the voter where their correct polling location is.

Spoiled/ Voided Ballot Procedure

1. BEFORE A NEW BALLOT IS ISSUED THE VOTER **MUST** RETURN THE SPOILED BALLOT. Mark the ballot VOID.
2. Place Spoiled/Voided ballot in the Voided ballot envelope
3. To spoil/void a ballot select **SPOIL BALLOT** from the drop-down menu in the top right corner of the home screen.
4. Type in the first and last name of the voter whose ballot needs to spoiled/voided and press green **SEARCH** button.
5. Take care in selecting the correct voter
6. Select/tap the voters name on the screen to highlight blue.
7. Voter's signature will appear
8. Tap green **SPOIL** button.
9. Select reason for spoiling the ballot.
10. Confirm you are issuing a replacement ballot.
11. Press **CONTINUE**.
12. Press **YES**.
13. Have voter sign the touchpad with the stylus.
14. Have the voter press green **DONE** button.
15. Flip the touchpad back towards you.
16. Compare signatures.
17. Press the green **ISSUE BALLOT** button.
18. Initial (If two inspectors are at the table, each will initial – if you happen to be alone –place your initials in the box).
19. Press the green **DONE** button.
20. Confirm that you are issuing the correct ballot style. For Primary Elections, confirm the election district and the correct party ballot. The affiliation can be found on the Electronic Poll Book next to the voter's name.
21. Record the Ballot Stub Number.
22. Tap blue **PROCESS** button.
23. Place ballot in privacy folder and hand to voter.
24. Press green **PROCESS NEXT VOTER**.

**** In the event a voter needs a third ballot, follow this procedure, but be sure to spoil the most recent issued ballot. A bipartisan team may offer assistance at this time. ****

Emergency Mode Using the Emergency Bin

If the Board of Elections determines the scanner can no longer be used, a voter has two options:

- He/she may place the marked ballot into the Emergency Bin, or
- He/she may wait until the Board of Elections arrives with a replacement scanner

To open the Emergency Bin:

1. Unlock the upper Emergency Bin with the silver key
2. With the door open, fold the metal cover of the Emergency Bin door DOWN
3. Close and lock the Emergency Bin door
4. Instruct voters to insert marked ballots into the slot of the Emergency Bin

To process voters during an emergency situation:

- Follow the normal ballot distribution procedures

NOTE: The Ballot Stub number must still be recorded in the electronic poll book.

Once the Emergency situation has been resolved: and with Board of Elections approval:

- Unlock the upper Emergency Bin with the silver key
- With the door open, fold the metal cover of the Emergency Bin door UP
- Close and lock the Emergency Bin door

TROUBLESHOOTING

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If the scanner displays:

Cannot Mount ESS Memory Device

If this message appears while opening the DS-200, go into Emergency Mode using the instructions on page 41 and call the Board of Election Immediately.

Zero Tape or Results Tape Fail to Print

Call the Board of Elections immediately - 858-8891 and go into Emergency Mode as outlined on page 41.

Touch Screen of the DS 200

Do not close the Touch Screen at any time while the polls are open.

If the screen is left closed for longer than 3 minutes, the scanner will automatically shut down and you must call the Board of Elections to reactivate the unit. If this occurs, go to Emergency mode (See Page 41 for instructions.)

Ballot Jam DS-200

If you can see the ballot and are able to pull the ballot from the scanner, do so. Wait for the screen to read "Welcome, Please insert your ballot" and have the voter reinsert the ballot. If a ballot is inserted before the Welcome screen appears the ballot will jam again.

If the ballot is jammed inside the scanner you must call the Board of Elections and follow the procedures for using the Emergency Bin (See Page 41 for instructions.)

NOTE: If the ballot has been damaged (ripped or crumpled) you will have to issue a replacement ballot to the voter. The damaged ballot is to be marked as VOID and placed in the Spoiled/Voided Ballot Envelope which should be on your sign-in table and reissue the voter a ballot following the guidelines on page 40.

NOTE: If a ballot jam occurs, it is never permissible for an Inspector to open the scanner. Only Board of Elections personnel are permitted to clear jams. Please do not hit, bang or shake the machine. We understand that you may have been instructed to do this in the past, but please do not do this in the future.

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Ballot Insertion Problems

Over-Voted Ballot

Scanner Displays: You filled in too many ovals in 1 contest.

This message is to alert the voter that he/she has over-voted in one or more races. To assist a voter that has received this message you should:

- Ask the voter to press “Correct Your Ballot” on the touch screen.
- Explain to the voter what the message means.
- If the voter wishes to correct the ballot, the over-voted ballot must be marked VOID and the voter is to be issued a replacement ballot (page 40).
- Or if the voter wishes to accept the ballot as is, have the voter reinsert the ballot into the scanner. When the “Contest Has Too Many Votes” message appears, instruct the voter to press “Accept”.

Blank Ballot

Scanner Displays: “You have made no selections on this ballot.”

This message will alert the voter that the scanner is reading the ballot as blank (no votes detected). To assist a voter that has received this message you should:

- Ask the voter to press “Correct Your Ballot” on the touch screen.
- Ask the voter if the ballot was intentionally left blank. If so, have the voter reinsert the ballot into the scanner. When the “You have made no selections on this ballot” message appears, instruct the voter to press “Cast Blank Ballot.”
- If the voter did not intentionally leave the ballot blank ask the voter to review the manner in which he/she marked the ballot. Have the voter ensure that the selection oval is completely filled in. An underlined or circled selection will not be detected by the scanner.
- Once the selections have been made and correctly marked, the voter may reinsert the ballot into the scanner.

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Ballot Not Inserted Far Enough

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If a voter hesitates when placing the ballot into the scanner, the a message will appear on the touch screen. To assist a voter that has received this message you should:

- Ask the voter to remove the ballot from the scanner; and
- Instruct the voter to wait until the screen displays the “Welcome, Please Insert Your Ballot” screen before reinserting the ballot.

Ballot Not Recognized & Other Scanner Messages

Most scanner messages are due to an improperly inserted ballot. In most cases reinserting the ballot with a different orientation will rectify the problem.

The most important thing to remember is to WAIT for the “Welcome, Please Insert Your Ballot” screen to appear BEFORE reinserting the ballot.

If the scanner continuously jams or displays error messages, contact the Board of Elections 858-8891 immediately.

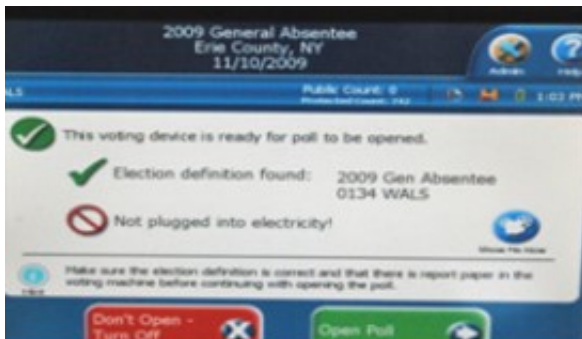
Invalid Ballot ID – 7003009

This message will appear if the wrong ballot style is inserted into the scanner. It is possible that a polling location received ballots that cannot be voted at that location. If you received the wrong ballots you must call the Board of Elections immediately because the scanner cannot accept ballots it is not programmed to read.

If you are working at a location that has more than one scanner it is possible that a voter may inadvertently attempt to scan their ballot into the wrong scanner. The scanner cannot accept ballots it is not programmed to read and the voter should take his/her ballot to the correct scanner within the polling location.

Not Receiving Electrical Power/Voltage Too Low

The scanner will emit a series of beeps every 60 seconds and display a green or red battery symbol in the upper right corner of the screen if it's being powered by battery only. Check the power cord to ensure it is properly plugged into a wall outlet or surge protector. If this does not correct the problem contact the Board of Elections immediately.



Not plugged in and receiving power



Plugged in and receiving power

TROUBLESHOOTING

AutoMARK Troubleshooting

If the AutoMARK will not turn on:

- Ensure the gold key is turned to the center “ON” position
- Confirm the AutoMark is plugged into a working outlet. The electricity indicator will emit an orange light when it is plugged into a working outlet. Ensure the gold key is turned to the center ON position.

Green Light=Receiving Power

Amber Light= Running on Battery Power (please plug in)

If a Ballot Becomes Jammed in the AutoMARK:

- Call the Board of Elections at 858-8891 IMMEDIATELY. It is imperative for us to know if a voter is waiting to vote.
- Inform voter that the Board of Elections has been contacted and a technician is en route to fix the AutoMark.
- Once the Board of Elections has been contacted, a voter has two options:
 - He/she may wait until the Board of Elections arrives to repair the AutoMark, or
 - if a voter determines he/she is not able to wait, a new ballot is to be issued to the voter in accordance with the Spoiled/Voided Ballot Procedures on page 39.

Voiding and Reissuing a Ballot in the Event of Jammed AutoMARK

In the event a ballot becomes jammed in the AutoMark and the voter is not able to wait for a technician, a new ballot is to be issued. The voter may be assisted by two inspectors—one Republican and one Democrat – or by a companion of his/her choosing. The voter is NOT to be issued an affidavit nor is the new ballot to be placed in the emergency bin. Follow the instructions on page 40 for issuing a new ballot.

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Emergency Evacuation Procedures

In the unlikely event that an emergency occurs on Election Day, (a fire, gas leak, power outage, etc.), which requires the evacuation of the polling location, the Chairperson must quickly assess the situation and determine the safest course of action for all voters and Inspectors.

Voters should be informed of the emergency and asked to quickly leave the premises. Again, with safety in mind and time permitting, Inspectors shall also exit the premises as soon as possible and take with them:

- Electronic Poll books
- Ballot booklets
- Spoiled/Voided ballot envelope
- Brown Tabulation Folder, including
 - Machine keys in black magnetic key box
 - Voted Affidavit Oath envelopes, if any
 - Voted Absentee ballots, if any
 - Canvass Sheet

Once all voters and Inspectors have evacuated the polling location, the Chairperson should immediately call the Board of Elections and inform them of the situation. The Board of Elections will then give instructions of what to do. A Board of Elections Site Coordinator will be immediately dispatched to assist you.

CLOSING PROCEDURES CHECKLIST

PLEASE NOTE: ALL INSPECTORS ARE TO LEAVE AT THE SAME TIME.

Logging Out of the Electronic Poll Book

Closing Procedures

1. Log out of electronic poll book
2. Close the AutoMARK
3. Scan emergency ballots
4. Close the DS 200
5. Power down electronic poll book

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1. Touch the drop-down menu located on the top right corner of the home screen.
2. Touch **LOGOUT**.
3. Tap the yellow **CLOSE FOR THE DAY** button.
4. A WARNING screen will appear asking if you are sure you want to continue with closing the election. Press the green **YES** button.
5. Enter password boe123 (lowercase)
6. Press green **LOCK DEVICE** button
7. The device will now synchronize. Keep the touchpad on this screen until the top left says "0 transactions pending." A prompt will appear on the screen indicating that the device is ready to power down. **DO NOT** power down the device until this prompt appears.

Proceed with closing down the AutoMARK and the DS 200

CLOSING PROCEDURES CHECKLIST

AutoMARK Closing Procedures

1. Turn OFF AutoMARK unit by turning the gold key to the left (OFF position).



2. Close AutoMARK unit:
 - Fold the ballot feed tray up.



- Lift the lid and fold screen into machine.



- Close the lid and slide plastic clips toward the center to secure the lid.



3. Close the top lid of the AutoMARK cart and return all of the privacy booths.



Closing Procedures

1. Log out of electronic poll book
- 2. Close the AutoMARK**
3. Scan emergency ballots
4. Close the DS 200
5. Power down electronic poll book

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AutoMARK Closing Procedures

4. Close and lock the front doors of cart with silver skate key.



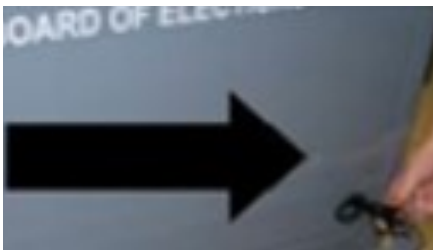
5. Open the back door of the cart.



6. Place the bin of accessories into the cart.



7. Unplug and return the extension cord to cart.



8. Close and lock the rear doors with silver skate key.



9. Return the AutoMARK keys to the black magnetic box and place box in the Brown Tabulation Folder.

Closing Procedures

1. Log out of electronic poll book
- 2. Close the AutoMARK**
3. Scan emergency ballots
4. Close the DS 200
5. Power down electronic poll book

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Scanning of Emergency Ballots Procedures

(if necessary)

Ballots placed in the Emergency Bin during the course of an election are required to be tabulated on Election Night. After the close of polls, Inspectors must scan ballots that are found in Emergency Bin.

- Ballots found in the Emergency Bin **MUST** be scanned **BEFORE** the scanner is powered down.
- A bi-partisan team of Inspectors must be present during the handling and scanning of all ballots.
- Remove, separate into Election Districts, if necessary, and count all ballots found in the Emergency Bin.

NOTE: For Primary Elections, you must separate ballots by PARTY affiliation also.

- Record the total number of ballots for YOUR Election District on Certificate No 2 of the Canvass Sheet.
- A team of Inspectors shall scan the ballots found in the Emergency Bin.
- If any alert message, (over-vote, blank ballot, etc.) appears on the scanner screen, or if an Inspector objects to the scanning of a particular ballot (due to errant marks, a signature on a ballot, etc.), the ballot is to be returned to the Emergency Bin.
- The number of ballots that could not be scanned are to be recorded on Certificate No. 2 of the Canvass Sheet.
- Once all ballots have been scanned or returned to the Emergency Bin as unscannable, you may proceed with the scanner closing procedures.

Closing Procedures

1. Log out of electronic poll book
2. Close the AutoMARK
- 3. Scan emergency ballots**
4. Close the DS 200
5. Power down electronic poll book

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CLOSING PROCEDURES CHECKLIST

DS 200 Closing Procedures

All Inspectors present are to complete Certificate No. 2 on the Canvass Sheet.

Primary Election Certificate No. 2 Example

CERTIFICATE No. 2 AFTER POLL CLOSING					
1. (if applicable) The number of additional ballots, by party, delivered to the poll site during the day are:					
	Democratic (green)	Republican (cherry)	Conservative (granite)	Working Families (tan)	Independence (canary)
Total Number of Additional Booklets	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Additional Ballots					
(if applicable) Total Number of Additional Spanish Booklets	0	0	0	0	0
(if applicable) Total Number of Additional Spanish Ballots					
2. (if applicable) The total number of Emergency Ballots are <u>3</u> .					
	Democratic (green)	Republican (cherry)	Conservative (granite)	Working Families (tan)	Independence (canary)
Total Number of Emergency Ballots	2	1			
Number of Emergency Ballots Scanned	1	1			
Number of Unscannable Emergency Ballots	1				
3. On this 10 th day of September, 2013, after the close of the poll, the black security tape over the scanner access door was removed and the close poll button was pressed.					
The Public Count displayed on the screen is <u>328</u> .					
The Protected Count displayed on the screen is <u>823</u> .					
4. The scanner was turned off and the top cover was closed and secured with a red wire seal.					
The seal number of the red wire seal placed on the closed scanner cover is <u>8296739</u> .					
5. If unscannable ballots were deposited in the Emergency Bin, the metal cover was folded up and the ballots were locked in the Emergency Bin and secured with a red wire seal. If the Emergency Bin was not used do not seal.					
(if applicable) The seal number of the red wire seal placed on the Emergency Bin is _____.					
6. The stub number of the last ballots used, by party, are:					
	Democratic (green)	Republican (cherry)	Conservative (granite)	Working Families (tan)	Independence (canary)
Stub Number of Last Ballot Used	175	112	2	38	7
(if applicable) Stub Number of Last Spanish Ballot Used					
7. The white security seal number placed on the vinyl pouch (attached to the Brown Folder) to secure the Election Data Stick is <u>55789</u> .					
8. Number of affidavit envelopes used is <u>5</u> .					
9. The Results Tape(s) which has been signed by all inspectors present is inserted in attached plastic bag below.					
We certify that the above statements are true and correct in every particular.					
x <u>John E Jones</u> x <u>Jane Fuller</u> x <u>Dale Smith</u>					
x <u>Beth Jones</u> x _____ x _____					
Board of Inspectors					

Certificate No. 2 - After the polls close, Inspectors need to write in:

- The number of additional booklets and the number of additional ballots, per PARTY affiliation delivered during the day, if applicable;
- The total number of Emergency Ballots and the number of scanned and unscanned Emergency Ballots, per PARTY affiliation, if applicable;
- The Public Count and the Protected Count;
- The seal number of the Red Seal placed on the scanner cover;
- The seal number of the Red Seal placed on the Emergency Bin, if applicable;
- The number of the last USED Ballot Stub;
- The number of used Affidavit Oath Envelopes; and
- Sign the certificate to certify all of the information is correct.

Finally, insert the scanner Result Tape in the plastic bag attached to the Canvass Sheet.

Closing Procedures

1. Log out of electronic poll book
2. Close the AutoMARK
3. Scan emergency ballots
4. Close the DS 200
5. Power down electronic poll book

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DS 200 Closing Procedures

General Election Certificate No. 2 Example

All Inspectors present are to complete Certificate No. 2 on the Canvass Sheet.

Certificate No. 2 After Polls Close			
1. The number of additional ballots delivered to the poll district during the day were:			
Additional Number of English Booklets		Additional Number of English Ballots	
Additional Number of Spanish Booklets		Additional Number of Spanish Ballots	
2. All emergency ballots capable of scanning were scanned. Emergency ballots incapable of scanning were counted, deposited in the DS-200 Emergency Bin, the metal cover was folded up and the bin secured with a red wire seal. If the Emergency Bin was not used, do not seal. The number of unscanned emergency ballots and the red seal number securing the Emergency Bin is indicated below:			
	Number of Unscanned Ballots	Red Emergency Bin Seal Number	
Machine A:	_____	_____	
Machine B (if applicable):	_____	_____	
Machine C (if applicable):	_____	_____	
Machine D (if applicable):	_____	_____	
3. After the close of polls, the black security tape over the scanner access door was removed and the close poll button was pressed. The Public and Protected Count displayed on the screen is indicated below:			
	Public Count	Protected Count	
Machine A:	_____	_____	
Machine B (if applicable):	_____	_____	
Machine C (if applicable):	_____	_____	
Machine D (if applicable):	_____	_____	
4. The scanner was turned off and the top cover was closed and secured with a red wire seal.			
Machine A:	The red Cover Seal number is _____		
Machine B (if applicable):	The red Cover Seal number is _____		
Machine C (if applicable):	The red Cover Seal number is _____		
Machine D (if applicable):	The red Cover Seal number is _____		
5. The stub number of the last English Ballot used is _____.			
The stub number of the last Spanish Ballot used is _____.			
6. The white security seal number on the vinyl pouch (attached to the brown tabulation folder) to secure the Election Data Stick is _____.			
7. The number of Affidavit Envelopes used is _____.			
8. The results tape(s) signed by all the inspectors present is inserted in the attached plastic bag to the right.			
9. The appropriate information has been recorded on the Election Day Activity Form on this canvass sheet to the right.			
We certify that the above statements are true and correct in every particular.			
x _____	x _____	x _____	
x _____	x _____	x _____	
Board of Inspectors			

Closing Procedures

1. Log out of electronic poll book
2. Close the AutoMARK
3. Scan emergency ballots
- 4. Close the DS 200**
5. Power down electronic poll book

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Certificate No. 2 - After the polls close, Inspectors need to write in:

- The number of additional booklets and the number of additional ballots delivered during the day, if applicable;
- The total number of Emergency Ballots and the number of scanned and unscanned Emergency Ballots, if applicable;
- The Public Count and the Protected Count;
- The seal number of the Red Seal placed on the scanner cover;
- The seal number of the Red Seal placed on the Emergency Bin, if applicable;
- The number of the last USED Ballot Stub;
- The number of used Affidavit Oath Envelopes; and
- Sign the certificate to certify all of the information is correct.

Finally, insert the scanner Result Tape in the plastic bag attached to the Canvass Sheet.

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DS 200 Closing Procedures

Please Note: Before closing the scanner, please refer to Page 50 first to make absolutely sure you do not have any ballots in the Emergency Bin to be scanned.

1. Remove or break the BLACK security tape located over the access door of the scanner.



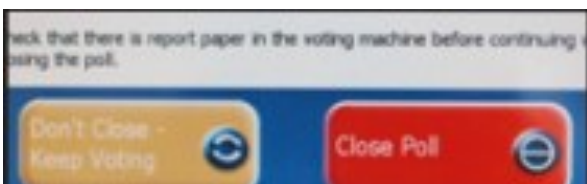
2. Using the Black Tabulator key, unlock the access door of the scanner to reveal the "Close Poll" button.



3. Press the "Close Poll" button. Leave the access door open.



4. A prompt will appear when you have chosen to close the poll.



To close the poll press the red "Close Poll" button in the lower right corner of the screen.

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1. Log out of electronic poll book
2. Close the AutoMARK
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5. Power down electronic poll book

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DS 200 Closing Procedures

5. The scanner will automatically print a Results Tape. When it's finished printing, remove by tearing.

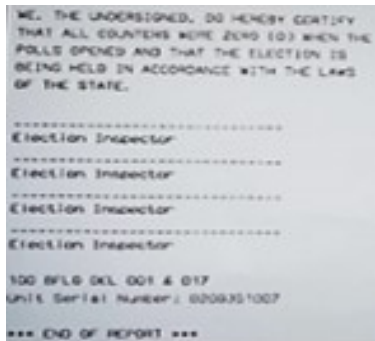
It will take longer to process and print the Results Tape if there is high voter turnout. The more scanned ballots, the longer the process time.

Approximate wait times for printing:

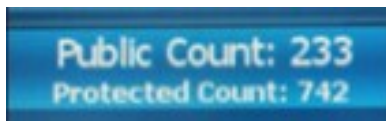
- 500+ scanned ballots = 5 minutes
- 800+ scanned ballots = 5-10 minutes
- 1000+ scanned ballots = 10-15 minutes
- 1500+ scanned ballots = 15-20 minutes

Only the bipartisan Inspectors who verified the results must sign the Results Tape on the signature lines at the bottom of the tape. If the tape has printed without these lines, Inspectors must sign the back of the Results Tape.

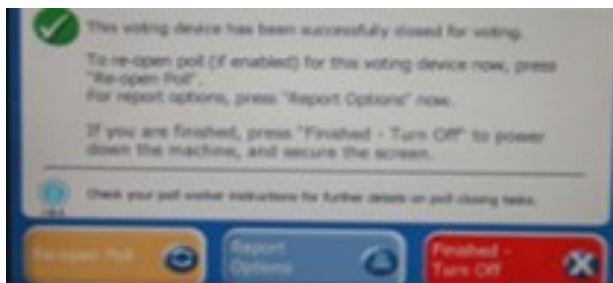
NOTE: If there are two or more election districts voting on one scanner, multiple election district results reports will print on one continuous tape. The Results Tape will only print signature lines at the end of the tape and those Inspectors who verified the Results Tape must sign the tape using the back, if necessary.



6. Record the Public Count and the Protected Count on Certificate No. 2 of the Canvass Sheet.



7. Turn off the scanner by pressing "Finished-Turn Off" on the touch screen.



Perform the following steps **AFTER** the scanner is completely shut down.

Closing Procedures

1. Log out of electronic poll book
2. Close the AutoMARK
3. Scan emergency ballots
- 4. Close the DS 200**
5. Power down electronic poll book

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CLOSING PROCEDURES CHECKLIST

DS 200 Closing Procedures

Upon closing the scanner and waiting for the unit to completely power down (the light on the POWER button goes out when the unit is entirely off) locate the ***Election Data Stick (EDS)*** under the access door.



8. Once the light on the POWER button goes out, remove the blue EDS from Port B.



9. Place the blue EDS in the vinyl pouch found on the front of the Brown Tabulation Folder.



10. Seal the vinyl pouch with a White Security Seal and record the seal number on Certificate No. 2 of the Canvass Sheet.
11. Close and lock the access door.
12. Fold the touch screen down.



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DS 200 Closing Procedures

13. Lower the top cover of the scanner and hook both latches. Seal with a RED WIRE SEAL located in your clear plastic box located the white supply box.



Record the Seal number on Certificate No. 2 of the Canvass Sheet.



14. If the Emergency Bin was not used, ensure again that it is empty and do not seal.

If applicable, after the emergency ballots have been counted and scanned (page 50), any ballots that were not scanned should be returned to the emergency bin.

Seal the emergency bin with a RED WIRE SEAL located in your supplies.

Record the seal number on Certificate No. 2 of the Canvas sheet

15. Ensure that the lower Ballot Bin is locked and sealed with the RED WIRE SEAL applied during the opening of the polls.

THE LOWER BALLOT BIN IS TO REMAIN SEALED AND BALLOTS ARE NOT TO BE REMOVED.

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CLOSING PROCEDURES CHECKLIST

DS 200 Closing Procedures

16. Insert the signed Results Tape in the plastic bag attached to the Canvass Sheet. If there are two or more districts voting on one scanner, the Results Tape must be cut at the end of each Election District and affixed to the appropriate Canvass Sheet.

The start of a district's election report states the name and number of the election district followed by the number of total ballots cast.

Orle County, WI
2008 General Election

Election Date: November 03, 2008
Poll Opened Date: October 16, 2008
Poll Opened Time: 2:00 PM
Poll Closed Date: October 20, 2008
Poll Closed Time: 2:42 PM
Public Count: 30

Election District Voting Report

WAB 019

Total Ballots: 242

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
Number to Vote For: 3

DDH 1A - John F. HAN 71
DDH 2A - Shirley PROUTS 70
DDH 3A - Christopher S. TURN 70

Start of the
Results tape
for a multiple
election
district
DS 200
scanner.

COUNTY PROPOSITION No. 1

YES	135
NO	120
Over Votes	0
Under Votes	21
Total Votes	276

TOWN OF ARREST PROPOSITION No. 1

YES	121
NO	150
Over Votes	0
Under Votes	5
Total Votes	276

TOWN OF ARREST PROPOSITION No. 2

YES	173
NO	80
Over Votes	0
Under Votes	14
Total Votes	276

WAB 019

Total Ballots: 276

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
Number to Vote For: 3

DDH 1A - John F. HAN 40
DDH 2A - Shirley PROUTS 50
DDH 3A - Christopher S. TURN 50

Cut here (if
applicable)

Beginning of another
district's tape

End of a district's
results tape

Closing Procedures

1. Log out of electronic poll book
2. Close the AutoMARK
3. Scan emergency ballots
4. **Close the DS 200**
5. Power down electronic poll book

NOTES

17. Unplug the scanner and put the plug into the back of the scanner and lock door.

CLOSING PROCEDURES CHECKLIST

Powering Down the Electronic Poll Book

Before continuing, ensure that the top left corner of the electronic poll book says "0 Transactions Pending". A prompt will appear on the screen indicating that the device is ready to power down. **DO NOT** power down the device until this prompt appears. If you do not see a prompt, or the device indicates pending, transactions call the Board of Elections at 716-858-8891.

Closing Procedures

1. Log out of electronic poll book
2. Close the AutoMARK
3. Scan emergency ballots
4. Close the DS 200
5. **Power down electronic poll book**

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1. Press the blue **ALLOW LOGIN AGAIN**. You will be brought back to the start screen.
2. Touch the drop-down menu located on the top right corner of the home screen.
3. Touch **INSPECTOR CLOCK IN-CLOCK OUT**.
4. Find your name on the list of inspectors and tap red **CLOCK-OUT** button.
5. Tap the green **YES**.
6. Press the blue **HOME** button location on the top left of the screen.
7. Press and hold the power button on the upper left side of the Touchpad until the **SLIDE TO POWER OFF** button appears on the screen.
8. Slide to power off
9. Unplug the touchpad
10. Close the Flip and Share stand
11. Return to carrying case.

YOU MUST POWER OFF THE DEVICE BEFORE RETURNING IT TO THE CARRYING CASE.

ITEMS TO BE RETURNED

NOTES

The Chairperson is responsible for transporting the Brown Tabulation Folder to either the Board of Elections (City of Buffalo only), or to a pre-determined location where an Election Clerk will be waiting to return them to the Board of Elections.

Items to be returned in the Brown Tabulation Folder are:

- Canvass Sheet with Results Tape inserted in plastic bag attached
- Voted Affidavit Oath Envelopes
- Absentee ballots
- Spoiled/Voided Ballot Envelope
- Machine keys in the black magnetic key box
- EDS in sealed vinyl pouch on the Brown Tabulation Folder
- Pay Voucher

Electronic Poll book(s) Note: You will receive instructions as to where to place the electronic poll books in their carrying case at the close of polls.

White Supply Box

Everything else is to be stored in the white supply box.

The white supply box is to be sealed with a red plastic zip tie and placed on top of the AutoMARK cart.

Instructions:

- 1) Before polls open complete Certificate No. 1
- 2) Record information on Election Day Activity Form throughout the day
- 3) After polls close complete Certificate No. 2 and place the **sticker tape** in the envelope bag.

Make No Other Entries on this Canvass Sheet

**Certificate No. 1
Before Polls Open**

1. On the 28th day of April, 2020, before the opening of the polls, we personally compared the ballot sample with the ballot booklet(s) and found that they were identical.

2. Prior to the opening of the polls, we inspected the scanner device(s) and each was secured with a blue wire seal. Contact the Board of Elections if seal is broken or missing or status "void". Do not remove the blue wire seal.

3. Prior to the opening of the polls, the black security tape over the access door was secured with a security seal. Contact the Board of Elections if seal is broken or missing or status "void".

The block security tape seal number is _____
 Machine A: _____
 Machine B: (if applicable) _____
 Machine C: (if applicable) _____
 Machine D: (if applicable) _____

4. The polling place displayed on the screen of each DS-200 is correct. The Public Count displayed on each screen is 0.

The Protected Count on the screen is _____
 Machine A: _____
 Machine B: (if applicable) _____
 Machine C: (if applicable) _____
 Machine D: (if applicable) _____

5. The Configuration/Zero Tape which has been stored by all inspectors present was placed in the ballot bin and secured with a red wire seal.

6. The number on the red wire seal placed on the door of the DS-200 ballot bin is _____

Machine A: _____
 Machine B: (if applicable) _____
 Machine C: (if applicable) _____
 Machine D: (if applicable) _____

7. The number of ballot found in the cardboard supply case are

Early Voting Scanned Ballots	Absentee Ballots Including Return	Station Buy Scanned Ballots	Unscanned Emergency Ballots	BMU Ballots	Valid Absentee Ballots	TOTAL	FEDERAL TOTAL

We certify that the above statements are true and correct in every particular.

 Board of Inspectors

**Certificate No. 2
After Polls Close**

1. The number of additional ballots delivered to the poll district during the day were:

Additional Number of English Ballots	Additional Number of Spanish Ballots

2. All emergency ballots capable of scanning were scanned. Emergency ballots incapable of scanning were counted, deposited in the DS-200 Emergency Bin, the serial count was added up and the bin secured with a red wire seal. If the Emergency Bin was not used, do not seal. The number of un-scanned emergency ballots and the red wire seal number securing the Emergency Bin is indicated below:

Number of Unscanned Ballots _____ Red Emergency Bin Seal Number _____
 Machine A: _____
 Machine B: (if applicable) _____
 Machine C: (if applicable) _____
 Machine D: (if applicable) _____

3. After the close of polls, the black security tape over the access door was removed and the door poll button was pressed. The Public and Protected Count displayed on the screen is indicated below:

Public Count _____ Protected Count _____
 Machine A: _____
 Machine B: (if applicable) _____
 Machine C: (if applicable) _____
 Machine D: (if applicable) _____

4. The scanner was turned off and the top cover was closed and secured with a red wire seal.

The red Cover Seal number is _____
 Machine A: _____
 Machine B: (if applicable) _____
 Machine C: (if applicable) _____
 Machine D: (if applicable) _____

5. The seal number of the last English Ballot used is _____
 The seal number of the last Spanish Ballot used is _____

6. The white security seal number on the vinyl pouch (attached to the bottom tabulation folder) to secure the tabulation data stick is _____

7. The number of Affidavit Envelopes used is _____

8. The results tape(s) signed by all the inspectors present is inserted in the attached plastic bag, to the right.

9. The appropriate information has been recorded on the Election Day Activity Form on this canvass sheet to the right.

We certify that the above statements are true and correct in every particular.

 Board of Inspectors

Place Results Tape(s) in Bag**Election Day Activity Form****COURT OFFICERS**

Name _____ Address _____
 Name _____ Address _____
 Name _____ Address _____

DECEASED:

Name _____ Address _____ Vote ID# _____
 Name _____ Address _____ Vote ID# _____
 Name _____ Address _____ Vote ID# _____
 Name _____ Address _____ Vote ID# _____

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED:

Name _____ Address _____ Vote ID# _____
 Reason for Assistance _____ Person Providing Assistance _____
 Name _____ Address _____ Vote ID# _____
 Reason for Assistance _____ Person Providing Assistance _____

CHALLENGES:

Name _____ Address _____ Vote ID# _____
 Reason for Challenge _____
 Name _____ Address _____ Vote ID# _____
 Reason for Challenge _____

OFFICE USE ONLY**BOARD OF ELECTIONS USE ONLY
TOTAL OF VOTES CAST / BALLOTS ISSUED**

Early Voting Scanned Ballots	Absentee Ballots Including Return	Station Buy Scanned Ballots	Unscanned Emergency Ballots	BMU Ballots	Valid Absentee Ballots	TOTAL	FEDERAL TOTAL

Erie County Board of Elections
 Officials who canvassed
 the Election:

 Printed Name

 Printed Name

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This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

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PEOPLE FIRST

**Communicating with and about
People with Disabilities**

You notice a person who is blind and needs help. How do you make your presence known? What assistance do you offer? You meet someone who uses a wheelchair. Where should you stand while talking? You have a question for a person with a disability, who is with a friend. To whom should you address the question?

We all find ourselves in situations in which we don't know what to say or do. We may meet someone who acts or moves differently, and wonder how we should react. When interacting with people with disabilities, it's important to remember that they are people first. They want to be appreciated, respected and productive. Recent changes in civil rights laws have helped people with disabilities pursue employment, recreation and educational opportunities in the mainstream of community life.

As a result, attitudes toward people with disabilities have also begun to change. This is a start toward creating a truly integrated society; one in which people of all abilities live and work together.

Communicating with People with Disabilities

1. If you offer assistance to a person with a disability, wait until the offer is accepted and then listen or ask for instructions.

If you are asked to assist a person who uses a wheelchair up or down a curb, ask if the person prefers to be facing forward or backward. Hold the handles securely and keep the chair tilted back when ascending or descending. When guiding a person who has a visual impairment, walk alongside and slightly ahead. Let the person hold your arm so that your body's motion lets the person know what to expect. On stairs, guide the person's hand to the banister or handrail. When seating, place the person's hand on the back of the chair or arm. Avoid escalators and revolving doors, which may be disorienting and dangerous. Never distract a "seeing eye" or service dog.

2. When speaking for a length of time to a person who uses a wheelchair or crutches, place yourself at eye level with that person.

It is not polite to talk down to that person.

3. When talking to a person with a disability, speak directly to that person rather than through a companion or sign language interpreter.

Communicating with People with Disabilities

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4. When introduced to a person with a disability, it is appropriate to offer to shake hands.

A person with limited hand use or who wears an artificial limb can usually shake hands. Shaking hands with the left hand is also an acceptable greeting.

5. When meeting or speaking to someone who is visually impaired always identify yourself before speaking.

When in a group, remember to identify the person to whom you are speaking, as well as introducing yourself.

6. Treat as adults

Address people with disabilities by their first names only after they have given permission or when extending the same familiarity to others. Also, never patronize people who use wheelchairs by patting them on the head or shoulder.

7. Avoid leaning on or hanging onto a person's wheelchair.

It's similar to leaning or hanging onto a person. The chair is part of the personal space of the person who uses it.

8. Listen attentively when you're talking with a person who has difficulty speaking

Be patient and wait for the person to finish, rather than correcting or speaking for that person. If necessary, ask short questions that require short answers, or a nod or shake of the head. Don't pretend to understand if you are having difficulty. Instead, repeat what you understand, and allow the person to elaborate.

9. To get the attention of a person who is deaf, tap the person on the shoulder or wave your hand.

Look directly at the person, and speak clearly, slowly and expressively to determine if the person can read your lips. For those people who do read lips, place yourself in their direct view and keep hands and food away from your mouth when speaking. If a person has a hearing impairment, avoid shouting. Hearing aids make sounds louder not clearer.

10. Relax. Don't be embarrassed if you happen to use accepted common phrases such as "See you later," or "Did you hear about that?", which seem to relate to a person's disability.

Chances are that person will understand.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DAY PHONE NUMBERS

Contact numbers:

For all scanner and AutoMARK machine problems, location concerns, or voter inquiry questions or concerns 716-858-8891

To request additional ballots or any other ballot issues 716-858-8891

Absentee Ballot Questions/Issues 716-858-7818

If you have an inspector missing, please call one of the following:

(Please wait until 5:40 AM before calling)

Republican Inspector Department:

Cities of Buffalo, Lackawanna, and Tonawanda 716-858-4982

All Towns 716-858-4982

Democratic Inspector Department:

Cities of Buffalo, Lackawanna, and Tonawanda, Town of Tonawanda, Grand Island 716-858-6490

Towns of Alden, Amherst, Aurora, Boston, Brant, Cheektowaga, Colden, Collins, Concord, Eden, Elma, Evans, Hamburg, Holland, Lancaster, Marilla, Newstead, North Collins, Orchard Park, Sardinia, Wales, and West Seneca 716-858-6294

Primary Election Day: June _____, 2021

General Election Day: November _____, 2021

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